

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image pickup apparatus comprises:

recording means for recording AV data including
image data and sound data; and

5 communication means for starting an output of AV
data to be recorded in said recording means in response
to an instruction of a record start and for stopping an
output of AV data to be recorded in said recording
means in response to an instruction of a record stop.

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2. An image pickup apparatus according to claim
1, wherein said communication means continues to output
AV data to be recorded in said recording means from the
instruction of the record start to the instruction of
15 the record stop, irrespective of whether or not said
recording means can normally record AV data.

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3. An image pickup apparatus according to claim
1, wherein said communication means outputs AV data by
20 using an isochronous transfer scheme stipulated in the
IEEE1394-1997 standards.

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4. An image pickup apparatus according to claim
1, wherein the image pickup apparatus is a camera-
25 integrated digital video recorder.

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5. A method of controlling an image pickup

apparatus comprising recording means for recording AV data including image data and sound data and communication means for outputting AV data to be recorded in said recording means, the method comprising the steps of:

controlling said communication means to start an output of AV data to be recorded in said recording means in response to an instruction of a record start; and

controlling said communication means to stop an output of AV data to be recorded in said recording means in response to an instruction of a record stop.

6. A method according to claim 5, wherein said communication means continues to output AV data to be recorded in said recording means from the instruction of the record start to the instruction of the record stop, irrespective of whether or not said recording means can normally record AV data.

7. A method according to claim 5, wherein said communication means outputs AV data by using an isochronous transfer scheme stipulated in the IEEE1394-1997 standards.

8. A method according to claim 5, wherein the image pickup apparatus is a camera-integrated digital video recorder.